

MULTIPURPOSE PERFORMANCE HALL

Dax, France

On the banks of the Adour, the new Grand Dax Performance Hall will become a highly versatile and efficient facility serving the cultural, economic and sporting development of the region. Its bold circular form stands with humility beside the historic bullring, drawing inspiration from the city's Art Deco heritage by reinterpreting the motif of the arcade in a contemporary way.

A new landmark within a cultural and sports park

The hall is part of a wider urban event park that also includes the historic bullring and its riverside park, as well as the Maurice Boyau Stadium.

Naturally oriented on a southwest axis, the building opens wide views towards the Parc des Arènes and the Adour beyond. This axis structures the entire project, guiding the placement of the four main program elements the forecourt, the entrance, the main hall and the annex hall all clearly visible from the Pont des Arènes, Boulevard Saint-Pierre, the ramparts and even the Pont Vieux.

A pure cylinder, in dialogue with heritage

On the banks of a meander of the Adour, a curved form quickly emerged as the most natural response.

We wanted to create an organic, enveloping architecture iconic yet harmonious with the historic bullring and its park. From this came the idea of a simple, circular volume around which the forecourt gently wraps, extending the Parc des Arènes. This timeless cylindrical form sits naturally within its setting (...)

Client

Grand Dax Agglomeration Community

Program

Construction of a multipurpose performance hall in Dax with a capacity of 3,400 spectators

Surface 4,670 m²

Cost of Work 21 760 000€ excl. TAX

Status

Competition winner 2025 Ongoing Studies

Environmental Quality

- RT 2012 compliance for administrative areas
- Use of bio-based materials: timber frame, low-carbon concrete, earthbased concrete with local aggregates, interior finishes in Landes pine wood

Arena Culture







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